

The Living Word

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

18 June 2023

First Reading Ex 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

Responsorial Psalm

PPs 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

*(R.) We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.*

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his
flock (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:6-11

*A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Romans*

*We have been reconciled to God through the death
of his Son; we are saved by his life.*

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 9:36 – 10:8

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew*

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

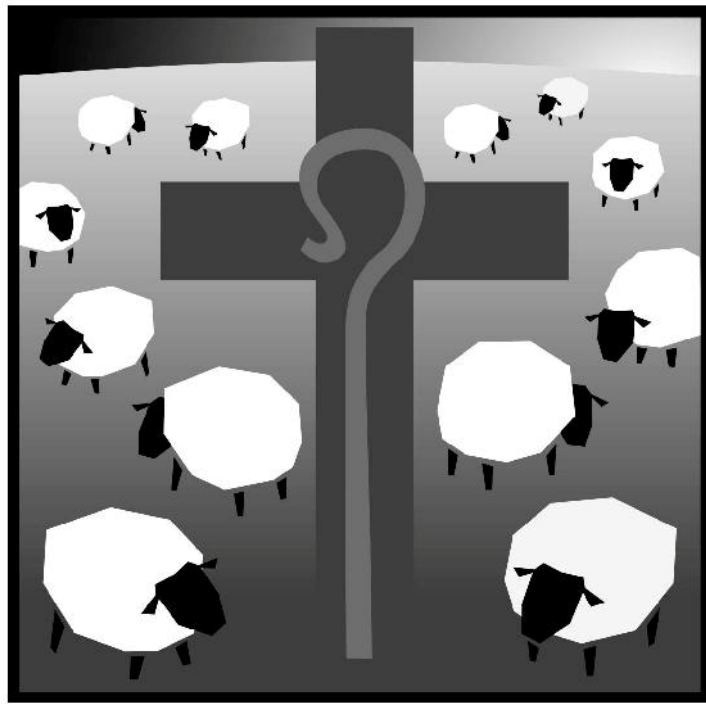
When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask

Reflection

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The major themes today are call and discipleship. Most of us are rather insignificant in the eyes of the broader society. And even those who are well known or in some way famous are still just simple human beings with needs and fears and dreams like the rest of us. Yet we have been called by God. This is what makes us special. Paul picks up this theme in his development of justification. He argues that we are special because when we were still sinners we were justified. All this has come to us as a pure gift from God. It is God who calls; it is God who chooses; it is God who justifies. If we are to boast, we must boast in God.

Paul further teaches that good works do not gain faith. It is the other way around. It is faith that manifests itself in works. In the gospel we see that the disciples are sent out to give to others the gift of faith which had been given to them. They proclaim the gospel, the good news that the time of fulfilment has come, and then they perform mighty works that demonstrate what they preach. We too have been called to discipleship; we have been made God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news of salvation to proclaim to others. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred.



the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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COVID-19 is still around, Please use sanitiser when you enter the church.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES If you are interested in a diocesan events, please collect a copy of additional bulletin at the back of the church.

WALK OF CHRIST PARISH BUS TRIP At least 11 of us, that we know of, joined in the Eucharistic Procession filled with hymns, rosary and various prayers of intercession and shared in the blessings of the Benediction at St Mary's Cathedral not just for ourselves but also for the whole of our parish community. A Big Thank You to Jim Baba who drove a bus for us.

CHILDREN LITURGY – 18 June – the next Children's Liturgy will be celebrated at 10am Mass this Sunday. All children are welcome

to attend, they will be taken to the hall and will get the opportunity to discuss the Gospel at their level and a chance to do a fun activity.

2023 FIRST RECONCILIATION Information Night—Wednesday 21 June @ 7pm
Commitment Weekend - any Mass 24/25 June
Sacrament - Wed 16/8, Thurs 17/8, Fri 18/8
All enquiries: email: nehme.elaine@yahoo.com.au

REMEMBRANCE BOOK DISPLAY As explained in the booklet "Mass offering, Mass stipend, Mass intention" available at the entrance to the sacristy, the purpose for which this display was established is no longer practiced.

In order to avoid any misunderstanding, the display will be used with proper explanation only in the month of November.



SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA – 21 June – born in Lombardy Italy in 1568 and died in Rome in 1591 of the plague, contracted while caring for its victims. Devout and ascetical from the time of his childhood in a family of Italian nobility. Pursued a religious vocation as a Jesuit against enormous family opposition. Remembered for his youthful ideal of perfection and his determination to achieve it.

SAINTS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE – 22 June – John Fisher born at Beverley England in 1469 and died in London in 1535. Chancellor at Cambridge and bishop at Rochester, combining diligent pastoral ministry with the defence of Catholic doctrine. Thomas More – born in London in 1478 and dies there for the faith in 1535. An Oxford scholar, a noted humanist and apologist, an incorruptible judge and Lord chancellor, a devoted husband and loving father. Drawn into conflict with Henry VIII, both were imprisoned and beheaded for treason. Remembered for their wide learning, for their devotion to the church and for their uncompromising integrity and courage.

THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST – 24 June – this feast was observed on this date in the fourth century. It celebrates the holy birth of 'the greatest of all the prophets,' the one who leapt for joy in his mother's womb, who prepared the way for Christ, announced his presence, and baptised him in the Jordan.

SAFEGUARDING OUR PARISH - Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or Email: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **Our parish** has a folder with Safeguarding information in the church for parishioners to view. – check out the latest safeguarding newsletter. A link to the Archdiocese's Child Safeguarding Policy is available from the homepage of our parish website and on display in the folder. Enquiries: Veronica via parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com.



Please Remember in Your Prayers Our Sick

Michael Kairouz, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Kerry Gibbons



Rest In Peace

Let us Pray For All Those Who Have Died

Lilian Therese Coughlin, Nicola Rega, Irene & Pietro Raffin, Elias Khalil, Maroun Azar, Marian Pientka, Victor Litvensky, Maria Binh Nguyen, Peter Baulman, Ike Brooks

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

MASS TIMES (English):
Vigil Mass 5 pm (Saturday)
Sunday 8.00 am & 10.00 am
Weekdays: Wednesday 6pm
Mon. Tue. Thu. Fri. Sat. 9.00 am

VIETNAMESE MASS
Vigil Mass 6.30 pm (Saturday)
Sunday 5.30PM

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 4.30pm-4.55pm
or anytime on request

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesday 5.00pm—6.00pm
Friday after Mass 9am-10.30am

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Offered to those in need on 1st Tuesday at 9.00am Mass

Baptisms: Sunday 11.00am,
Bookings are necessary.

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